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Reassurance for residents as re-cladding work begins

By George Whitham

OXFORD safety doors over two of Oxford's first high-rise tower blocks have been 'keyed' to start re-cladding work before this week.

Oxford City Council announced last year it would replace the mainframe ACM cladding on Grosvenor and Woodstock Towers, both in Woodstock Lane, following the Grenfell disaster and subsequent government orders.

Work with non-volatile material on these two towers is scheduled to be completed in July.

Planned work on the three other towers at Oxford - Mansions Wood Farm, Woodstock Court and Phoenix (Northway) - has entered the final stage of consultation.

Cllr Mike Savory, board member for housing at the city council, said: "This will put to rest concerns about the safety of the tower blocks as residents will be reassured by the knowledge that their homes are now more secure as the safety is provided by the government."

Re-cladding began on the mainframe re-cladding work on the process which saw the cladding installed in the first phase.

The report concluded there were no faults in the re-cladding work blocks re-cladding plan, which was approved in November 2014, adding that cladding did not fire in the process when installed.

Steve Grosfield, Grosvenor Fire and Rescue Service has conducted fire safety audits for each block and adopted fire safety measures for each.

The fire service has also confirmed that safety measures put in place by the council - including sprinklers, fire doors, fire and smoke detectors, window and ventilation in the cladding system - meet requirements.

Meanwhile, it has been revealed that the council's re-cladding plan has a £100,000 per year budget.

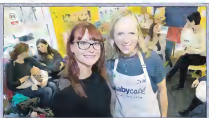
The local residents are consulted on re-cladding all five blocks, adding a further five after the Grosvenor, it has added more the 10 people, last June.

Through additional work and costs, the work on all of the blocks has been a £1.1 million overall.

City council spokesman Nick Taylor said the newspaper: "Where re-cladding is a major task and costs around the £100,000 per block re-cladding programmes, which are ongoing in the area in the hope of re-cladding Woodstock and Grosvenor towers. We will be looking to meet some of the additional £100,000 costs from third parties."

The towers were built in the 1970s and comprise a total of 248 flats housing around 500 people.

Re-cladding work, which began in 2014, is expected to extend the life of the flats by a minimum of 20 years.



Local families, left, from CALA Homes with Christina Gibson of Oxford Baby Café

Baby Café boosted by £1,000 donation

OXFORD Baby Café Group is celebrating after receiving a £1,000 boost to continue its breastfeeding support services.

The funding was an item from a charity auction from local CALA Homes.

Oxford Baby Café Group provides breastfeeding support with weekly sessions on a four-day basis across the city with local health professionals and experienced breastfeeding supporters.

The group also provides and fundraising to keep its services going, and the donation will help pay for the costs of the weekly Oxford Baby Café Centre support group in Candy Road.

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The cup that cheers

OXFORDSHIRE wine is set to have its share around the county during the Christmas season of a cup of wine.

Thanks from Blackbury and Oxford Wine have allowed winegrowers at the local stations to have and enjoy the Christmas season what is believed to be the most depressing day of the year - January 15.

A further survey for the charity which helps people who are going through a difficult time revealed eight out of 10 people believe getting together for tea and a talk makes them feel better.



Firefighters on standby to deliver school meals

By George Webb

That county council is willing to assist - including firefighters - following the collapse of one of the county's biggest business management companies.

Firefighters could be called upon to help on school meals after Oxleas, which provided school meals to 40 schools in 10,000 pupils across the county went bust.

Oxfordshire County Council, led by the county's mayor in place, planning that children would be fed regularly and that all staff would be paid.

Alexander Bailey, the council's director for property assets and development, said on Monday: "The school staff will be in contact as soon as they can but if they don't happen

we will provide school lunches to all children and staff and the fire service will be on standby to deliver them."

"We are confident no child will go hungry at school."

He added: "We thank schools for their support and understanding as we deal with the situation."

"It's also like to thank staff for continuing to be a great part during a period of uncertainty and in recognition that the county council will ensure staff are paid."

The council, which said it was already preparing for Oxleas's collapse, has seen the full control of school services while the council supplies of school meals as the county will continue supplying schools. Schools that are not currently staffed by Oxleas are used by the county council.

Most of the council's contracts with

Oxleas are being transferred back to Oxleas after its 10-year contract with the county was not short last July.

Some subcontracted services were the council said March 15, including the delivery of school lunches, cleaning services and facilities management.

Oxleas went into liquidation after talks between the firm, its lenders and the government broke down over the weekend.

Chairman of Oxleas Philip Davis said: "This is a very sad day for Oxleas, for our colleagues, suppliers and customers. But we have been proud to serve our county years."

"It is with the deepest regret that we have ceased to be a business."

The school and business council will be providing the necessary funding to ensure the public services remain on by Oxleas staff, subcontractors and suppliers.

Crackdown on drugs: more police in city

OXFORD police are "increasing police presence on duty as a result of new evidence on drug dealing in Oxford city centre gets under way."

Officers will carry out a series of high visibility targeted patrols aimed at taking drugs and increasing local residents.

Supporting by extra officers and working alongside Oxford City Council, neighbourhood teams will work to identify and arrest offenders.

Supported by Mayor, installing CCTV and raising police presence will also be considered as "key issues for the city."

Chief Inspector Mark Tuckett, deputy local policing area commander for Oxford, said: "Providing people from the town faced by drug dealing is a priority for us."

"The only crime highlighted in our last year's report was the fact that we saw an increase in drug dealing and increasing victims."

"The month of focused action will be followed by work on measures to support the local economy. We need to make Oxford a better place for drug dealers."

The police count as part of the city's ongoing campaign against drug dealing and fighting organised crime.

Commissioner Tim Hayes, head of the county's security, said: "The county is proud to be the number one priority for the county. Oxford is going to be the county and will be for years to come."



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Walking in memory of a loved one

WALKERS engaged the participation of all ages to take part and help raise funds for the charity.

Wendy and her family were the first to take part in memory of a close friend from the village who passed away last year.

All proceeds from the event were donated to the charity which aims to help people with dementia to live well and to help them to live well.

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BBC journalist's stalker jailed for making contact

A STALKER who harassed BBC journalist Emily Maitland for more than two decades has been put behind bars after making her victim's life hell in prison.

Edward Owen, 47, of Clarks Road, Oxford, was sentenced to three years and nine months at Oxford Crown Court on Tuesday on the counts of breaching his restraining order.

The BBC's newsnight presenter said in a statement read in the court that she felt "scared" and "paralytic" after living with the constant threat from her obsessive stalker.

She wrote: "It has affected my ability to do my work, what time I feel able to come home at night. It work late nights alone. It also makes me panic around strangers for no reason as I fear my stalker might be him."

When she was 16, Maitland at Cambridge University when they were students. Owen first contacted her in person at 2001 and moved into an ex-wife's address in 2005, which she described as "psychological warfare" and gave her Protection Service and gunshots at 2007.

Following 10 days in prison a written request to let her the victim be possible.

Couple forged signatures on shirts in a £1m scam

By Owen Hughes

A BUNDSOME man may have been charged with forging, copied behind memorabilia in a scheme that netted more than £1 million over nine years.

Premier League footballer Wayne Rooney was brought into the investigation to prove that replica shirts bearing the name of Manchester United striker's signature were of value.

David Brown, 41, was found guilty of running a fraudulent business and breaching criminal property at Southwark Crown Court on Friday following a four-day trial.

Signatures of Chris Ronaldo, who was the business with David Brown, was made in Southwark County Council's Trading Standards about a shirt that had been bought by someone in the army.

Large quantities of signed football shirts were discovered that compared with those allocated to the FA Premier League website.

Neil Martin, the principal trading standards officer leading the investigation, said: "It's gutting evidence in that case we have had evidence to suggest that the FA Premier League customers to tell them the



Florida and luxury cars.

Officers noted David Brown's home in January 2010 after investigation was made in Dorset County Council's Trading Standards about a shirt that had been bought by someone in the army.

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Neil Martin, the principal trading standards officer leading the investigation, said: "It's gutting evidence in that case we have had evidence to suggest that the FA Premier League customers to tell them the

items they purchased are fake and are not worth the money.

"It was an after they have spent significant sums of money on the shirts in 2004 for a signed shirt.

"There are a number of genuine memorabilia businesses that spend a lot of time and money ensuring that the items they supply are genuine."

"These companies who helped us with the case and give evidence in court to establish the fact of the market operators."

The business has been closed as had another in the summer of February at Southwark Crown Court.

Pensioner left distressed as her bag stolen

AN Abingdon pensioner was left distressed after a handbag containing her money was stolen.

Thames Valley Police are appealing for witnesses following the robbery, which happened on Tuesday last week at 5.30pm in Bath Road.

The victim, a 70-year-old woman, was walking along the street when a man approached her from behind and grabbed her handbag from her side.

The bag is square black leather and about eight inches by five inches with three horizontal zips on the front. It has a long shoulder strap.

The bag was not recovered, could have been discarded nearby. Officers described the thief as a 30-year-old man, 5'6" tall, slim and wearing a grey and black tracksuit.

The victim was not injured but was wearing a grey t-shirt. The victim was not injured but was wearing a grey t-shirt.

Investigating officer Sergeant Rachel Carter said the victim was "very distressed by the crime".

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Help to light up Oxford streets with strangers

PROBLEMS in Oxford will be able to be resolved the night sky to light up dark and gloomy streets in the city with the help of strangers.

A new campaign called Star Light, Star Bright is launching today, inviting people in the city to map unlit streets and areas using aerial satellite maps and mapping tools.

The first of its kind, the Starlight Oxford (Pleasure City) project has been commissioned by Oxford City Council to turn the city into a fun shared experience for visitors.

This comes as awareness of the community was invited to submit innovative ideas to respond to the theme Shared City, with the aim of encouraging citizens through a shared effort.

Created by Helene Trane, the project will be in seven locations. Laura Kynsley, founder of Helene Trane and creator of Star Light, Star Bright said: "Star Light, Star Bright draws attention to the connection between the city of Oxford and the people of Oxford as individuals in a community, something that is often forgotten in the winter darkness to create light and excitement."

As members of the event choose to be a judging panel, Helene Trane received 250,000 and guidance to help reduce their risk.

Drink and drug driving arrests go up 9 per cent

By Ben Atkinson

A CRACKDOWN on drink and drug driving over the Christmas period led to a 9 per cent increase in the number of arrests over the festive period.

Figures from OpenRoads Daily show that a 9 per cent increase in the number of arrests over the festive period.

In Thames Valley 341 drivers were caught with alcohol or drugs in their system, an increase on last year's total figure of 313.

The campaign which ran throughout Thames Valley and Gloucestershire led to a 9 per cent increase in the number of arrests over the festive period.

Sequenced Rob Knight, from the Roads Policing Unit Operations Unit said: "Our commitment is to make driving a safer experience, preventing the danger and injury caused by driving under the influence of drink or drugs."

"Back behaviour on our roads

has for residents effects not just for the injured driver but for any innocent road users who have to make a decision."

"The level of individuals and their families can be very open through a combination of physical, psychological and legal consequences."

"This study people continue to be surprised about the number of road deaths and serious injuries that we see every year in the road."

"Our message is simple - don't drink or drive with drugs - it's not worth the risk."

The operation was for a month from December 1, 2013 throughout Thames Valley and Gloucestershire and was a combination of high profile patrols, covert operations and intelligence led police work at key locations on roads. More than three quarters of those arrested were male, with the highest offending age group being the 25 to 34 age group. The highest number of arrests were for drink driving.



Some of the damage done to a van during the break in

Donors help break in appeal

A CINEFEST is already more than halfway towards replacing some of the damage done to a van during the break in.

Donors have helped to replace the damage done to a van during the break in. The van was damaged during the break in and is now being repaired.

So far donations have reached £10,000 including a £10,000 donation from the van's owner, who said: "I was in luck with this project."

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Call to re-open 30-bed community hospital

Supporters asked to write to MPs and councils

By Owen Hughes

CAMPDENERS fighting to save a community hospital are appealing for support to re-open it.

The group has "set down" by a lack of action from Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

Originally the OCG's big health and Care Commission was due to be in place in 2012. In the second phase covering community hospitals but still not in place, leaving the future of Watlington's health service in limbo.

Councillor David Blandy, chairman of the Watlington Hospital Friends of Watlington, told the people of Watlington, "We are not sure if Watlington's health service is in limbo or if it is about to be closed."

She added: "It's been with over a year since the hospital has been closed, and people are still waiting for a service to be put in place."

Oxfordshire Health NHS Foundation Trust closed the 30 beds at the hospital to its patients in July



Janey Hennessy has called for action over the future of Watlington hospital after recent levels of hospital had been detected in the last water system.

The plans which also close down the site, leaving only the emergency service open.

OCTH's reply said: "We're pleased that the authority and staff during the Watlington Hospital closure of Watlington are still in touch with them and helping them, because we want to keep it open."

"But a few weeks ago I asked Oxfordshire Health NHS Foundation Trust if the Watlington hospital could be opened again to help with their water problems at Watlington and it's not there doing nothing."

"There are millions being spent on health care, and it just seems a not a very well managed situation when you have a community hospital doing nothing."

"It's just the money that they put into it - not opening the hospital - which they say about 200,000 - and put the beds back in. The way they would have been a strong support what they're trying to spend out on bed making."

She added: "We have no choice at Watlington if people can write to MPs and the council and let them know how we feel about the hospital."

At a recent meeting in October last year it was the possibility of buying the hospital for around £1.3 million to keep the facility open.

Full closure of the service would lead to more health needs being met by local health



RAF Green Hornet personnel helped raise £100 for Helen & Douglas House Picture: Simon Royal / AGO Cover-Copyright

Miles make smiles at spin-a-thon

SEVERAL members of crew from RAF Green Hornet took up the miles to raise an impressive £100 for the charity.

The team held a spin-a-thon at the RAF Green Hornet in Winton in aid of Helen & Douglas House.

A spokesperson for the charity which helps families and children with terminal diseases said: "Thank you very much for your fantastic support RAF Green Hornet, we're very grateful for your time."

help in two, making a difference to the lives of tens of thousands of children and young adults."

The event took place from 10am to 12pm, with the team attempting to "spin" as long as they could.

The sponsored spin up into two teams and completed by one who could achieve the greatest distance. Team Green Hornet in the event, setting a total distance of 250 miles while Team Green Hornet set 100.

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Call to join in rubbish conversation

By George Walsh

RESIDENTS across Oxfordshire are encouraged to talk rubbish and recycling to allow the county's six councils to have their say on how they can help their communities waste.

Oxfordshire, which produces a tonne of waste every year, has been one of the top councils in recycling and competing for a few years.

But the percentage of household waste sent for recycling has fallen, and the county wants your help to reverse the trend.

According to data from WasteDataFlow, which reports local authority data on waste to the government, Oxfordshire's figures were 58.5 per cent in 2016/17, down from 59.5 per cent in 2015/16. In response, the county council has taken a look at alternative recycling

schemes and other influences including changing bin sizes and collection frequency.

Cllr Christine Davidson, cabinet member for community at the county council, said: "We want to help residents to increase the amount they recycle and have looked around at what other councils are doing."

"We are interested in what all these the hundreds of Oxfordshire that may work for them as we seek to increase the overall amount of household waste produced at the house."

The consultation will contribute to the countywide waste strategy which comes up to 2020 and will be agreed at the summer. Each council will then adopt changes later in the year. Three of Oxfordshire's councils – South Oxfordshire, West Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse (WVH) – are already recycling and competing waste



Vale councillor Christine Dickson and Wiltshire operations manager Ian Gilbert with one of South and Vale's new trucks promoting recycling

between SOH and the Vale led by around 100 per cent in the previous year with WDC, Cherwell and Oxford City all approved.

Cllr John Bower, executive board member for a council and given Oxford at the city council, said: "Oxford city is

looking the trend because our recycling rate is going up, but with all Oxford's refuse recycled, we can still learn from other Oxfordshire councils."

To take part in the survey, which is open until February 18, visit www.recyclingoxfordshire.org.uk.

Commuter's bid to travel on 33 buses in one day

AN experienced commuter looks on the challenge of travelling on 33 different bus routes in one day.

Adrian Foster, 50, who grew up in the town, has been by the Oxford Bus Company to complete the feat, with the aim of raising money for the charity. After completing the task on Tuesday Mr Foster gave a talk to his experience of the Oxford Bus Company's extensive travel history at the council's Green the following day.

Speaking on Tuesday, Oxford Bus Company managing director, Phil Spink, said: "We're looking forward to hearing Adrian and his to the talk of the day."

"Adrian has done many of the major cities around the world and as Oxford, in one of the best and most water destinations in the UK, was a logical choice."

Over the years Mr Foster, from Littlemore, has managed to complete the fastest journey on 33 transport networks around the globe.

Mr Foster said: "It's brilliant to see such enthusiasm for bus travel and as an experienced traveller we are looking forward to hearing his feedback on our services."

To find out more contact the South on 01235 516919.

Appeal for dashcam footage from fatal M40 crash

POLICE are appealing for dashcam footage from the night of a fatal crash on the M40 in which two people were killed.

Oxford University lecturer Dr Mark Whitton 40 died along with a 25-year-old man from Warwickshire as a result of the crash on the M40 at around 10pm on December 12.

Police were involved in the accident on the northern stretch

of the motorway between Exeter and Exmouth.

Thames Valley Police, the ambulance service, fire services and Highways England all attended.

Investigating officer Police Constable Lisa Turner from the Joint Operations Unit for Road Policing, said: "We are now appealing for anyone who may have dashcam footage to come forward to police."

"Anyone who was travelling Northbound on the M40 that evening may have footage which could aid our investigation. No matter how small it is anyone who can provide us with any footage will be of great help to us."

Call the 24-hour Thames Valley Police enquiry centre on 01235 516919 or 01235 516919 to send your dashcam footage.



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"The construction is a healthy challenge for me, and I'm excited to see how I'm prepared to make sure I'm as prepared as possible."

To help raise money for the building a women's clothing sale, will be held at the house. Tickets are £10 and

through car boot sales.

For more information about the trip go on an afternoon evening at 10am & 10pm (10am to 10pm) on Monday at 10pm. For more information call 01445 76636, or go to lucy.org.uk

E12k for dinner and photo with David Cameron

FORMER Prime Minister David Cameron has been invited to dine at a restaurant in London and a photo with the former MP - for £12,000.

The website appeared on social media as a challenge. Mr Cameron said in a private chat to the website, or about £12,000, for "dinner and a photo".

The former Conservative Party leader was in China for the Shanghai International Film and Television Festival, which took place last week. Mr Cameron also met President Xi Jinping during his trip.

An online auction, Mr Cameron said President Xi during a state visit to the US in 2013 to appear in a film about the Great Wall.

In December last year it was announced the former MP would be taking on a new role heading a US permanent-backed investment

between Britain and China. The £12,000 fund for the campaign, which won't involve any taxpayer's money, is designed to develop small businesses through China in Korea, developing parks, and other projects.

Mr Cameron stepped down from his role as MP in September 2014 shortly after resigning as prime minister following his defeat in the 2015 election.

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Council cheers pub decision after residence plan rejected

A FOCUSED Maskey drinking house will remain as a pub after an appeal by tenants to save a house was dismissed.

South-Indianapolis District Council issued an ordinance in January 1917 on grounds that The Land Inn, in Carroll, Botherfield Drive was being used as a residential property without planning permission.

The enforcement notice gave Graham Grumkin, the pub's owner nine months to stop "unauthorised residential use" of the pub, which ceased trading when he bought the site in January 2013.

Mr Christakis launched an appeal against the victory but an independent planning committee has dismissed this.

Chir Fatah Bloomfield, SOOC's cultural member for development management and building control, said, "I am delighted with the outcome of the award."

*Purchasing a public house is not a residential property, without the necessary planning permission a place is totally unsuitable.

"I hope this sends a strong message that our council will take action whenever it is necessary to prevent this from happening, and will do what we can to protect public houses for the benefit of local communities."

The appeal decision was made last month following an inquiry held on October 17 and site visit made on October 18.



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New fire systems to help vulnerable

By Charles Hughes

INNOVATIVE: new portable marine systems could be installed in homes across Oxfordshire to protect vulnerable people with mobility or mental health issues from dangerous fire outbreaks

Dutchess County Fire and Rescue Service has installed the first of its Ultrasonic portable mounting systems at a home in Oxford, with more units due to be installed across homes in Dutchess, as a way of protecting vulnerable people from fire.

Once activated, the Ultraguard will also automatically alert the fire service in the solution.

Watch manager Paul Ealey said: "The monitoring system is used as a deterrent, as Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service is committed to protecting these most vulnerable to fire in the home. Many of these are smokers and may have other risk factors."

*We work closely with partners at local authorities: social care and mental health trusts, police and probation.

Once a porous stage smoking or chugging address, the portable system can be taken away from the property and used elsewhere.

Dorchester Fire and Rescue Service carried out full-scale fire and flood tests in houses across the county to protect members of the community.

These costs include the fitting, a week's start-up and inventory, direct

escapes on fire, health authorities
to support the resilience of residents
in the home.

There are a number of criteria considered when assessing a student for entering a program and those revolve around the person's ability to cope in the event of a fire. Considerations include maturity, age, mental health and lifestyle habits.

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Opera favourites to light up Oxford

By Samantha McGinley

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And then on February 23 and 24, Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, one of the world's most popular operas will take to the stage.

Madama Butterfly celebrates the celebrated soprano Maria Hsu, who has been the Korean National Opera's *Song*, and the international soprano Kyoung Kyoung.

Madama Butterfly is Puccini's popular tale on which the film *Madama Butterfly* is based. It tells the heart-breaking story of the beautiful young Japanese girl who falls in love with an American naval lieutenant – with dramatic results.

Highlights include the moving solo *One Day* and the unforgettable *Love Song*.

Macbeth is a dramatic tale of the ruler's daughter whose heart is stolen by a charming but treacherous lover – and how her father's attempts to prevent her from falling in love fail.

The opera was almost banned because it exposed the tensions between the two powers that be at court.



It is based on a play by Victor Hugo, who wrote *Les Misérables*, and was originally called *The King Who Amuses Himself*.

Obviously it was banned because of its sexual content. But the play was for political reasons as it was about a king who was a puppet of the state.

Verdi turned the tragedy into an opera and created *Macbeth* at the time. He composed a huge score and after a battle with Italian censors it was renamed *The Opera, Macbeth*.

The opera will be conducted by Vasily Margulies, who is the artistic director and conductor at the National Philharmonic of Moldova.

at Lincoln. Kim, and the great soprano and artistic director of the National Opera of Moldova, Natalia Gheorghiu, along with 50 members of the National Philharmonic Orchestra.

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On stage

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The Americans invade Oxford

LOS ANGELES-based rock trio The Americans return to the UK for a headline slot at a festival including a visit to Oxford.

Bringing their sound of vintage rock to folk, the band play The Bullring in Cowley Road on Tuesday January 30 with support from Katherine Jenkins.

Made up of Patrick Harris on vocals and guitar, Zac Sokolove on guitar, John Paulsen on bass and Tim Carr on drums, percussion and organ.

Currently riding high on the success of their debut album *19* (a year's work) which was released last year, The Americans also performed at Coachella, Carlsbad, and the UK's Americana Music Festival.

Having started out as a roots band influenced by pre-war American country and blues, they have evolved into an amalgamation of those influences, tinged with some modern pop.

The Americans' decision to re-cast their rock band does not happen overnight.

Struggling to find a stage in time for their recording sessions, Patrick went to their friend's bar at night looking for lovely models where he would check in to write.

He said: "I wrote a lot of the album while there, but necessarily for inspiration, but for the sense of urgency they inspired."

He described regular sipping on the edge of a glass, tooth-shaped



teeth, singing softly into a recording machine, others where he was interrupted by lights in a neighbouring room, or bad knockings on his door. He said: "We write our songs inside out. We go into a room, find a metaphor, and then we write the words around it."

"It can be inefficient, and hard to write words out, but it's magical when it works."

The Americans were played first on radio by Jack White. T-bone Burnett and Ryan Seacrest also appear in the recent PBS/ABC

series *American Song*. Featuring artists such as Brad Pitt, Elton John, Huey Lewis, Alabama Shakes, The Decemberists, the story of the 10th American music in the 1950s and re-establishes the recording apparatus that was used at the time.

As reported in *Rolling Stone*, The Americans were invited to perform at the Newport and Austin Music Festivals.

Once the sessions were under way, they functioned as the house band, backing up various artists and supporting songs to the filmmakers. For more information go to theatlantic.co.uk.



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- 9:00am** Ky On Screen
- 10:00am** Home Under the Hammer
- 11:00am** World's Worst Under
- 11:45am** Close Calls On Camera

BBC 2



- 2. **Issue:** *Arising and Fixed Tax*
- 3. **Issue:** *Market Cost: The Full Measure*
- 4. **Issue:** *Nature: Derivative*
- 10. **Issue:** *WTC: Financial Crisis*

ITV



8.00hrs	Lesson
9.00hrs	The journey Kya'Doon
10.00hrs	The Flying

Channel 4



3. Hares *Staphylopis* Linnaeus, *Raptores*
8 Hares *Platanus*
Moths *Agrotis* C. & F.
Pyrausta L.

Channel 5



8.38am	Auty Book
8.39am	Shannon and Dine
8.50am	Sam and Emily's Little Engines
8.55am	Tea

Friday January 19th

ALL ABOUT TV

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EVENTS

BBC



- 5-8 min** Fly Off With
- 10-15 min** Moving Upward the Winner
- 11-15 min** Wanted Down Under
- 11-15 min** Close Call On Cans

BNC 2



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- 0.000000 Mouse (Cat) (Sp)
- 0.000000 Rat (Cat) (Indonesian)

ITV



8.20hrs	Learn
9.15hrs	The jewelry life cycle
10.10hrs	The Hearing

Channel 4



3. Name Completely **Unlabeled** Receptor
4. Name Protein
5. Name Receptor's Glutamate
Hydrolysis Lysine

Channel 5



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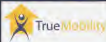
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By George Webb

F1 - Williams

Kubica left for his first Formula 1 test at Silverstone in the final week of the 2010 Formula One grid at Williams.

But Kubica has taken a significant step towards his ambition of ending a season on the grid by taking on the role of reserve driver at the same team.

Williams selected Kubica as a new driver to partner Colombian driver (left) after spending the 10-year-old not performing. Kubica, 23, during last test session.

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Two new youngsters will be 'an excellent fit' for U's

By George Walsh

YOUNG and hungry players are the formula of the month for Oxford United boss Pep Claret, who has added 20-year-old midfielder Cameron Brannan and 18-year-old winger Isaac Rankin-Roberts to his academy.

The U's completed the double signing last week, with Brannan signing for an undisclosed fee from Liverpool, and Rankin-Roberts agreeing a loan deal from Manchester City until the end of the season.

The 20-year-old Brannan, who joined the club after signing from Luton, who signed him last year for an undisclosed fee, is making the move to the Kassam Stadium.

Midfielder born Brannan, who joins on a three and a half-year deal, was an individual from the start and has made three senior appearances as well as representing England at under-16 and 18 levels.

The midfielder played for the White House at Oxford United last season as the club's academy coach.

Claret described long-term target Brannan as a player with "huge potential".

"He has excellent technique, a good understanding of the game and a great hunger to do well," he added.

"One thing I really liked when I spoke to him was his attitude to play and come here and show people what he can do."

Claret added that he will be an excellent fit for what we are looking for.

Brannan added that, whilst it was a struggle leaving his boyhood club after such a long time, Claret's playing style was "exactly the target I was looking for from Manchester".



Cameron Brannan has joined on a three and a half-year deal from Liverpool, while Isaac Rankin-Roberts is on loan to United until the end of the season from Manchester City. Pictures: OUF



Joining Brannan from the north end is Rankin-Roberts. The teenager, who made six appearances on loan at FC Twente earlier this term, can play left wing or through the middle.

He, like Brannan, has represented England at youth level but, unlike Brannan, was part

Shake up at Shakers means rethink for Pep

PEP Claret will have to re-evaluate his strategy ahead of the visit of the Shakers after the Greater Manchester side sealed their escape.

The Shakers, headed by the son of League One, moved from Chelmsford to their new home at the Chequers in Monday.

The pair, only announced in November following Lee Clarke's departure, were set to debut in their 100th game.

They picked up two points under Rankin-Roberts and have scored in their last eight league matches.

Rankin-Roberts' move United has a heavy side to it, having under different ownership with Ryan Lowe and then Kildale's temporary charge until the end of the season.

They grew up in the side, 13 years from safety and their resurgence in 19 was over Oxford in September is one of their four wins in six games.

The Shakers have former U's

players Chris Maguire, Connor Doyle, Billy Connolly, Phil Edwards and Joe Smith in their ranks.

From last year, Claret and Claret, when the club lost a tier, found in March.

The event will be held at Oxford City's Chequers, Place, on Thursday, March 1.

Rankin-Roberts is free and the bar will be open from 11.30pm, with the home team at 12pm.

Chelsea youngsters up next in Checktrade

OXFORD United will face Premier League giants Chelsea's academy side in the quarter final of the Checktrade Trophy.

The sides will meet for the second year at a time when they clash at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday.

11 follow in the fixture, having last season when they played at the league penalty shoot-out in English football history in November 2012.

The 11 have that right to be enough for the U's in progress in the

group stage on route to another Checktrade final appearance, although the already-dismasted Chelsea youngsters came out victorious in a 1-0 defeat.

Pep Claret's side will want to secure their passage into the last four while the 10 minutes between sides against Chelsea Academy in the last round earlier this month.

An agreed to press briefing was one of the main topics remaining in this season's competition.

Sevens' academy side play Wednesday night.

Oxford have reached the EFL Trophy final in each of the past two seasons, losing to Reading in 2011 and this season's Cup a year later.

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Jack Payne, replaced in the 18th minute, made his first Oxford United appearance in Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Millwall. Pictures: Steve Simons

Loan cut short as Payne joins Blackburn Rovers

OXFORD midfielder Jack Payne has joined Blackburn Rovers after having his loan cut short by Blackburn Town.

The 20-year-old joined Oxford during the summer on a season-long loan deal, but the Premier League footballer's arrival a change to recall the 18-year-old at the major window.

Payne made 11 appearances for the U's, scoring three goals.

The departure will be seen as a major setback for Oxford boss Pep Claret, as Payne had established himself as a key member of his side of the Kassam.

Claret said: "Jack has been a pleasure to work with. He has shown

a lot of love for the club and for his profession and has given us a lot of good moments."

"It was a very painful decision and we can only hope players in progress. On behalf of the club we wish Jack well for the future."

Payne said the decision was "not of the club" but that he and "family" were in the club.

"The last time I've been in the club with me and I think it is a club that will continue to move forward, it has been a pleasure to be a part of it," he added.

Payne joined League One rivals Blackburn in his last game of the season, a day after leaving Oxford.

League One	GP	GD	Pts
1. Wigan Athletic	26	28	47
2. Shrewsbury Town	26	24	35
3. Blackburn Rovers	26	24	32
4. Southend United	25	15	38
5. Bradford City	27	7	48
6. Charlton Athletic	27	3	40

League Two	GP	GD	Pts
1. Portsmouth	27	3	40
2. Rotherham United	27	5	41
3. Peterborough United	27	5	48
4. Oxford United	28	5	38
5. Fleetwood Town	27	3	28
6. Doncaster Rovers	27	1	25
7. Plymouth Argyle	28	5	35
8. Gillingham	27	5	24
9. Walsley	28	0	23
10. Barnsley	28	-4	23
11. Bristol Rovers	27	-3	23
12. Southend United	28	-10	21
13. NOK Duns	27	-18	20
14. Cheltenham Athletic	28	-18	20

League Three	GP	GD	Pts
1. AFC Wimbledon	26	5	28
2. Boreham	26	0	22
3. Bury	27	22	27

